

WHAT'S WAGGIN'

In the Clinton County Humane Society

PET CONNECTIONS!

CCHS has wonderful pets. We currently have cats **Pickles**, black tabby/wt; **Blaire** and **Elsa**, black; **Ices**, gray/wt; **Nikki** and **Opie**, orange tabby; **Oliver**, white/black.

Available dogs include **Trinity** and **Boone**, Staffordshires; **Bismark**, Catahoula; **Tinker**, **Lulu** and **Martin**, Terrier mixes; **Smokey**, Shih Tzu mix; **Geneva**, German Shepherd mix; **Diamond**, Husky mix; **Scarlett**, Red Heeler mix; **Bristol** and **Waka**, Lab/hounds; **Vetter**, **Keetus** and **Nettles**, Beagle mix; **Decker**, Boxer mix; **Elsi**, **Sunbeam** and **Presto**, Lab mixes.

Cats may be visited at the CCHS building during store hours, but dogs are fostered with families and may be visited by appointment.

All CCHS pets are vet checked, up-to-date on shots, spayed/neutered and micro-chipped. Dogs are heartworm checked, and cats are also feline leukemia negative and litter box trained. If you are interested in adopting a CCHS pet, fill out an application online at www.ccilhs.org or pick one up at the building. You can call 526-4500 or email ccilhs@ccilhs.org or ccilhs@gmail.com for information or an appointment. Check out our pets on www.petfinder.com or www.adoptapet.com.

TRAINING COLLARS

Training collars like prong collars and choke collars can be great aids in training dogs, especially large or strong breeds, but they can be dangerous in the wrong hands.

Prong collars mimic a mother dog's corrective bite to a misbehaving pup, and choke collars have a similar "snap out of it" effect.

Whenever possible an easy pull to the side or to the back will create gentle pressure to nudge the dog in the direction you want.

When a dog misbehaves, a quick jerk on the collar stops the behavior and gets the dog's attention back on the trainer.

The jerk should use the least amount of pressure necessary to get the dog's attention and should never cause the dog pain or discomfort.

The jerk should be to the side of the dog, not to the back or upward.

The collars can cause damage if they are jerked too hard or if a dog is allowed to pull for a long time.

It is important to have a correct fit so a prong collar is safer and requires less pressure to get results.

The collar should be almost snug, but not pressing on the skin, and the collar should be worn high on the dog's neck under the chin and just behind his ears.

A loose, improperly placed collar requires more pressure and is more likely to cause injury.

Injuries can result in damage to blood vessels in the eyes, neck sprains, nerve damage, paralysis and even death.

The prong and choke collars are not appropriate for all dogs, including puppies, small breeds, aggressive, shy and fearful dogs.

The collars should not be used by inexperienced, untrained handlers or children.

These collars should be used only when walking or training a dog, and should never be left on a dog that is riding in a car, crated, kenneled or left to run and play.

After your pet is trained with choke or prong collar, you should be able to move to a standard collar.

If you are considering using these training tools, please contact a trainer for help or do some research online.

ADOPTIONS...



Gizmo (right) will share a home with Tammy Kiefer and her pal.



Cobain went home with Nicholas Beckley.



Reeta's (right) new family will include Russell Bookes and Cuddles.



Macie's new mom is Dorothy Merian.

PET TAG/ MICRO-CHIP MAY BRING YOUR LOST PET HOME QUICKLY

If your pet wanders off and is wearing a tag with his name and your phone number, all it will take to get him home is a phone call.

Another good way to improve your pet's chances of getting home is to microchip him.

This tiny implant carries a number to identify your pet so the company where the chip is registered will contact you if your pet turns up at a vet, shelter or the police.

CCHS offers both tags and micro-chipping!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

CCHS is entirely run by volunteers. We hope you will find a little time each month to volunteer at. Be a part of the process!

Check your calendars and contact ccilhsvolunteer@gmail.com or call 526-4500 if you find a little time available.

Feel free to stop by anytime and ask what you can do to help.

SHOP AT CCHS

Stop by the CCHS facility at 1301 Apple Lane in Breese for CCHS apparel and pet items.

The store is open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. every day and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All proceeds from the store are used to help CCHS pets.

NOTICES

Regulations prevent the CCHS from accepting strays or drop offs. It is illegal to dump animals.

Keep informed at our blog at <http://cchsil.wordpress.com> which is filled with tons of helpful information for pet owners.

Keep up with us at our website ccilhs.org.

Friend us on Facebook.

Email us at ccilhs@ccilhs.org or ccilhs@gmail.com.

Phone us at 618-526-4500.

Contact us at our snail mail address Clinton County Humane Society, 1301 Apple Lane, Breese, IL 62230.

CCHS holds Meet and Greets the first and third Saturdays of each month. Folks can stop by and meet the CCHS adoptable pets Saturday, Sept 6, at Breese North Side Park from 10 a.m. until noon. Pet

micro-chipping and nail trimming will also be available.

The next regular CCHS meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept 10, at 7 p.m. at Knotty Pine. CCHS will be working on the "Bark for Life" event and will need volunteers.

If your health, finances or housing makes it necessary for you to surrender your pet, CCHS may be able to help.

You must provide your pet's medical history from your vet, a photo and a completed surrender application with information about your pet's personality and training.

The surrender form is available online at www.ccilhs.org or at the building at 1301 Apple Lane in Breese.

There is no charge for surrendering your pet.

You can support the work of the CCHS by joining, fostering, donating, volunteering, purchasing CCHS merchandise, supporting fundraising events or sponsoring a pet.